

Missouri School for the Blind Presents:

Missouri School for the Blind (MSB) is pleased to offer short-term services to students who are blind and visually impaired who are attending local school districts. **KEYS** (Knowledge to Empower Your Success) is an IEP driven individually designed short-course program created to address the vision-specific needs of students through direct one-on-one or small group instruction in the nationally recognized Expanded Core Curriculum.



KEYS short-courses are designed to provide intensive instruction, on a short-term basis, which will help students acquire the skills they need to perform successfully in the general education curriculum. Since skills acquisition is vertical in nature, students may benefit from different levels of **KEYS** at different developmental levels; therefore, students with visual impairments, ages 5 to 21, may request 3 to 18 weeks of specialized instruction per school year.



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Short Courses for
Students with
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What is KEYS?



KEYS is an intensive IEP driven short-term program designed to provide specific, direct instruction in the expanded core curriculum as well as individually identified areas of need for students who are blind or visually impaired.

KEYS students will attend MSB for a predetermined period of time to develop Expanded Core Curriculum Skills while keeping up with the core curriculum areas as well as exploring personal interests in:

- **Athletics/PE/Adaptive PE**
- **Practical Arts: Including Industrial Technology (Shop), Computer Technology, Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS)**
- **Fine Arts: Vocal and Instrumental Music, Visual Arts and Performing Arts**



Courses Offered: Activities of Daily Living

- Based on individual needs as determined by the IEP Team
- Increased independence in personal care
- Food preparation
- Household management and organization

Orientation and Mobility (O&M)

- Based on individual needs as determined by the IEP Team
- Cane skills and travel techniques including public transportation
- Orientation including mapping skills and route planning
- Personal safety and advocacy



Braille Skills

- Based on individual needs as determined by the IEP Team
- Literary code: Pre-Braille, academic literary Braille or functional literacy
- Slate and stylus
- Nemeth Code/math skills/abacus

Visual Efficiency Skills

- Based on individual needs as determined by the IEP Team
- Exploration with appropriate low vision devices and techniques
- Activities to encourage use of functional vision
- Development of a vision portfolio



Transition Training Skills

- Based on individual needs as determined by the IEP Team
- Organization of time/space/materials
- Adapted note-taking
- Methods for seeking employment
- Accessing information using electronic listening, recording and reading devices
- Developing a resume
- Banking and budgeting



Computer & Assistive Technology

- Based on individual needs as determined by the IEP Team
- Basic Computer Skills to assist blind/visually impaired students to use the computer as a tool for learning; including: word processing, spreadsheets, databases, telecommunications
- Text enlargement and speech output programs
- Braille/large print production of documents
- Portable note takers
- Refreshable Braille devices



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